

St Columba's Church Havelock North

1 September 2019

Pentecost 12



Welcome to St Columba's

Rev Wayne Toleafoa is leading the service this morning.

Minister's Elder is Ian Holford

Duty Manager is Phil Carter

Organist is Jean Jarvis

Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors Book in the Foyer.

During the long season of Pentecost (27 weeks) we celebrate the life of the Holy Spirit in our Church life. Sundays after Pentecost – also called, “Ordinary Sundays” end in Advent (November). Colour: ‘Green’, for life and growth.

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

A time to sit in silent reflection

INTROIT:

Please stand as the Holy Bible is carried into the church.

‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty’ WOV 65

Tune (ii) Tersanctus

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

GREETING AND WELCOME:

NOTICES:

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Children and young people are invited to meet Anne in the foyer.

THEME: A Culture of Entitlement

*The congregation is invited to say together words printed in **bold type**.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus said, “Love one another, even as I have loved you.”

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us.

Amen.

WE SING: ‘Nothing is lost on the breath of God’ FFS 50

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Tune: Greenlane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us, and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For weak these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as your own. Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others, for you are with us always.

Our sins are forgiven. Thanks, and praise be to God who sets us free. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you”. Let us now share this extravagant gift with one another by exchanging a sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Spirit of the living God move in our minds and hearts as we listen to the wisdom in the Scriptures. Help us understand how your Word calls us to live today and tomorrow, as we seek to follow Christ, your living Word.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS:

Reader: Ailsa Rewcastle

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 (*page 612*)

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15,16(*page 979*)

After the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Response: **Thanks be to God**

WE SING: 'Let all the world in every corner sing' CH4 122

BIBLE REDING:

Reader: Rev Wayne Toleafoa

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (*page 849*)

After the reading:

Reader: This the Gospel of Christ

Response: **Praise to Christ the Word**

SERMON: 'A culture of entitlement'

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE SING: 'Christ is our light' CH4 336

OFFERING INVITATION:

Thankful for the good gifts God gives us in Christ and in creation, let us present the fruit of our living – gifts and offerings for the work of God in the church and the world.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES:

Faithful God bless the gifts we bring to you today. Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name honoured for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Led by Ian Holford*

To the words: Lord, in your mercy

Response is: **Hear our prayer.**

Our Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

WE SING: 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' CH4 251

BLESSING: (*Psalms 81, Hebrews 13, Luke 14*)

Practice humility and hospitality. Invite the lowly to your table.

Remember the imprisoned and the tortured.

Honour your covenants. Be content with what you have.

Love God and walk in God's ways.

**May the way we live offer praise to God,
our helper and our strength.**

And may God feed you with the finest wheat

and the sweetest honey.

With God's blessing let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

We go in the name of Christ.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Sung

EXIT OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Please stand as the Bible is carried from the church

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

CALENDAR:

Tuesday 3	9.30 am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 3	7.30 pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 4	2.00 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday 4	7.30 pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 5	9.30 am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 7	9.00 am	Mini market
Sunday 8	8.00 am	Communion
Sunday 8	10.00 am	Sunday Service and Communion

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE.

MINI MARKET: Don't buy plants or produce or cakes or jams, pickles and relishes this week – wait for the mini market next week to stock up!

- Glass jars to be handed in at the office or leave in the allocated box in the foyer please.
- Thank you for all the generous donations of condensed milk. Jill has sufficient condensed milk now for a while. Donations, though, of butter will be appreciated.
- For more information, please refer to the coloured flyers that was added to the notices last week or contact the office (877 8096).

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer requests, please write in the Prayer Requests Book on the desk in the foyer. Rev Wayne will include your requests in prayer during the service.

URGENT - BILLETS WANTED: A Presbytery gathering takes place on 20 and 21 September in Hastings. Please let the office know if you are able to billet representatives from other regions on Friday 20th and/or Saturday 21st.

PRAYER GROUP: Gathering on Wednesday 4 September at 2.00 pm.

HASTINGS CHORAL SOCIETY presents 'A Feast of Gilbert and Sullivan' at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall on 1 September at 2.00 pm. Conductor: Joseph Christensen; Accompanist: Anna Hansen; four soloists. Tickets: \$25.

WAIAPU CATHEDRAL CHOIR with the Cathedral Strings: 'They that go down to the sea in ships', 1 September at 2.30 pm at Waiapu Cathedral, Napier. Information on the notice board in the foyer.

PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT EAST COAST AGM: Wednesday 23 October 2019, at 5.30 pm. Nominations for Board members close on Monday 23 September 2019. Information on the notice board in the foyer.

150th CELEBRATION: Registration forms and programme are available in the office and on the website (www.schn.org.nz)



Please register as soon as possible. Forms can be returned

- via email to info@schn.org.nz
- posted to PO Box 8487, Havelock North 4157
- posted in the donation box in the foyer
- handed in at the office.



ROSTER: Sunday 8 September 2019

Minister's Elder:	Anne Keown
Elders:	Wayne Rewcastle, Sally Russell, Ian Holford
Door duty:	David Schnell, Janice Hopkinson, Peter Kidd
Organist:	Ngaire Anderson
Sound:	Louis Pienaar
Computer:	No screen
Bible reading:	Jocelyn Williams
Morning tea:	Jill Thomsen, Alan Wildbore, Anne Heesterman, John Heesterman
Children:	Elma Pienaar
Flower arrangements:	Wayne Rewcastle

LECTIONARY READINGS:

 Jer 18: 1-11
 Philemon 1: 1-21

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 Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18
 Lk 14: 25-33